



*"In faithful response to the COVID-19 crisis, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Luther's Table, and Lakeridge Lutheran Church have partnered with local social agencies to provide meals, shelter space and support for two emergency shelters in Renton, WA. The Center of Hope, a shelter for families with children experiencing homelessness, will be relocating for the next 4-8 weeks (contingent Stay Home, Stay Healthy order) to St. Matthew's to combine the night and day shelters services at one location. The move to St. Matthew's will allow the families to have adequate social distancing space while the order remains for the state of Washington. The Arise emergency shelter for men will remain for a second month at Lakeridge Lutheran church and leaders from St. Matthew's will partner to provide oversight, meals and support. Luther's Table will be shifting their non-profit business model to provide 6 meals a week for both the Center of Hope and the Arise Shelter. Luther's Table will also be making 10-15 extra meals a day for veterans living in Compass Housing above Luther's Table in cooperation with the Roots of the Table community. They will be making 480 grab-and-go dinners a week. This collaborative effort at a time of crisis, speaks to the vital role churches play within their community. Many thanks to the Church Council of Greater Seattle for their support and the visionary leadership of Luther's Table, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Lakeridge Lutheran, and Roots of the Table as they support the work of Center of Hope, Arise and Compass Housing in Renton."*