

CROP WALK

"We walk because they walk."

- When:** The Ithaca Crop Walk is **Sunday, October 4th, 2009.**
Register at 1:30 pm on the Ithaca Commons. Walk starts at 2:00 pm
- What:** **CROP Walk** is a fund raising event sponsored by the Church World Service (CWS). Locally it has been sponsored by Area Congregations Together (ACT) for over 25 years. Funds raised benefit hunger and disaster relief efforts. 25% of the money raised stays in Tompkins County to benefit local hunger agencies and soup kitchens. The remainder goes to hunger, disaster relief, and development projects overseas.
- Last Year:** In 2008, **St. Luke walkers raised over \$4,700!** Once again, ACT awarded St. Luke the "Golden Sneaker" award as the organization that raised the most money for the 2008 Ithaca area CROP walk. Let's be #1 again!
- New Starting Place:** This year the CROP walk will start on the ITHACA COMMONS near the Bernie Milton Pavilion (near Center Ithaca). Registration and entertainment will ALL be on the Commons.
- Distance:** The walk is a 5-mile route through downtown Ithaca. There is also a shorter 1.5-mile route. There are several rest stops along the route. Maps of the walk will be available at the registration desk. The walk ends at St. John's Episcopal Church on Cayuga Street.
- Sign up:** Sign up to be a walker at the CROP Walk table in the narthex after Worship Services. You will receive a sponsor record envelope to record and collect your pledges.
- WEB option:** You can register as an individual, start a team or join a team, by going to: http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_ny#nyprevwalks and scroll down to find the "Ithaca CROP Hunger Walk."
- Sponsors:** Just ask, and I bet they won't say no! This is a very worthy event that members in the Ithaca area have generously supported. Ask co-workers, roommates, friends, moms, dads, and grandparents to sponsor you!
- Thrivent:** We will be applying for \$600 in matching funds from Thrivent. BUT, to receive matching funds, we need at least six Thrivent members to walk, help recruit walkers, tally pledges, or bake cookies for rest stops. Please help and identify your self as a Thrivent member when volunteering to help out.
- Collecting \$:** It's best to ask your sponsor for their money when they agree to sponsor you. Checks should be made out checks to "**CROP/CWS**". We also will be accepting COIN donations in our "every penny counts". Pick up your mini-coin pail today.
- When:** **Entertainment** provided by the Vitamin L Youth Choir, starting at 1:15 pm on the Commons. **Registration** will start at 1:30 pm at the Bernie Milton Pavilion on the ITHACA COMMONS. **The Walk Starts** from the Commons at 2:00 pm SHARP.
- Bring:** Take ONLY the top of sponsor record sheet with you to the walk to register. Please LEAVE YOUR MONEY at HOME. **DO NOT BRING CROP MONEY or CHECKS TO THE WALK.** **DO** bring a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes.
- Turning in your \$\$\$** **Please turn in ALL of your money** to Suzanne Snedeker by Thanksgiving. DO NOT turn in your money to the St. Luke Church Office. PLEASE give you money directly to Suzanne. She can be contacted at 266-9218 or email smsnedeker@gmail.com with any questions.