

Here's a dedication service for using the coin boxes for the Synod Assembly Offering of Quarters. Each Sunday School class and other organizations of the congregation will have one at each of their gatherings.

Dedication of Coin Boxes for Synod Assembly Hunger Offering

Sunday school children and teachers are invited to gather round the table where the coin boxes have been placed.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, children of God, Jesus reminds us of our duties to help one another in need when he said "I was hungry and you fed me." He would also have said, "I was an orphan and you visited me and cared for me."

Our Synod, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has given us an opportunity to feed and care for many thousands of hungry orphans in Malawi, Africa, and throughout the world. By the offering of quarters at each year's Synod Assembly, we join the other 200 plus congregations of the Synod in sharing our abundance with children and others for whom simply surviving from day to day takes more resources and strength than they have.

May these boxes be filled many times before the next Synod Assembly, and may the offerings that we gather, together with those of our brothers and sisters in the Synod, find their way to a hungry child, giving that child life and hope and peace - to the glory of God.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give glory to you. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these coin boxes to your praise and honor. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that the coins from these boxes may fill both the givers and those who receive their benefit with the assurance of your goodness and love for all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All return to their seats