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Worship at The Gate in Ankeny, Iowa, located at Ashland Ridge Elementary School.

Ministry Awarded LCEF District Outreach Grant

“One of our core values at The Gate is ‘Serve.’ As we thought of ways to engage our community in acts of service and witness around the popular Easter holiday, we thought of the typical Easter egg hunt. However, Ankeny is already inundated with Easter egg hunts. So, we brainstormed and came up with [the] idea, ‘why don’t we give away hams for Easter and target families in and around Ankeny who may not be able to afford one?’ And so began the planning for the *Easter Ham Give-Away!*” – grant application

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is blessed to help fund this outreach event. The Gate is the 2019 recipient of the \$1,000 Iowa District West LCEF outreach event grant. This young church plant is only two and half years old with a strong desire to reach the lost in their community. Their intent with this event is to begin building relationships with their neighbors and community. In their grant application, they wrote, “If one family got connected to the body of Christ as a result, it would be a HUGE victory.”

The event will be advertised through social media and door hangers in selected underprivileged neighborhoods and apartment complexes. Members will have games for kids while parents fill out a Connect Card and pick up the ham. Invitations to Easter worship service and a follow up email invitation will be shared.

We are so thankful for all the wonderful grant applications this year. We ask for your prayers in support of the The Gate’s event on April 14, 2019.

New! The 2019 LCEF Kaleidoscope Grant process begins April 1. Visit lcef.org/kaleidoscope for details on grants up to \$75,000.

