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### **Hospitality—Contributing to the Needs of Others**

As a student at the Free Lutheran Bible College, the opportunities to share with God's people are abundant! Even though showing hospitality on a college campus doesn't involve inviting people into your home, making them a meal, or offering them a place to stay, we find different ways to contribute to one another's needs. In Romans 12:3, Paul tells us to "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." Hospitality can be shown in many ways, in different communities, and with different groups of people.

Hospitality in a college community looks something like this: leaving your dorm door open to show people they are welcome to pop in and chat, getting someone a "to-go supper" who won't be back in time to eat, checking in on someone when you notice an empty seat in class, making someone tea or soup when feeling under the weather, and so much more. Showing hospitality does not have to be a big planned event that creates stress or anxiety. Like Paul says, showing hospitality is contributing to the needs of those around you. If you see a need of one of your fellow saints, seek a way that you can help. People's needs come in all different shapes and sizes, but so do the gifts that God blesses His children with. God did not design us to face the trials and difficulties of this world on our own! God desires for us to come alongside others, using the specific gifts He has given us to contribute to the needs of others. Even when people don't ask or imply that they are in need, it is important for us to be observant and mindful of the needs around us.

Are you looking out for the needs of those around you? Ask God each day to make known how you can show hospitality to others wherever you are. Recognize that God has already fully met our greatest need, that of a Savior, in sending His Son to die on the cross for our sins. Sharing the hope of the Gospel is the biggest contribution we can make, no matter what the other needs may be. How can you seek to share the Gospel with someone around you today?

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