



## South Dakota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

### A Recipe for a Recipe

A **recipe** is a set of instructions that describe how to prepare or make something, especially a culinary dish.

Recipes normally consist of several components including:

- The name of the dish and who shared the dish with you
- How much time it will take to prepare the dish
- The required ingredients along with their quantities or proportions
- Equipment and environment needed to prepare the dish
- An ordered list of preparation steps
- Sometimes the number of servings that the recipe will provide
- Often the texture and flavor of the dish

**How can we share “Our Story” in the shape of a recipe? We would need to have the same basic information as listed above:**

- The name of our story – What story are we going to share and why?
- How long has this story been a part of our Synod, congregation etc? What is the history around the story we are choosing to tell?
- What are the required ingredients for the story we are sharing? Who is/was involved? What tangible items were needed? What intangible items were needed? Who were the people that were needed in the story? How was God’s work shown in the story?
- What equipment and environment was needed in order for the events in the story to occur?
- What specific action steps were taken in order for the details of the story to occur?
- Who was impacted by this story? Were lives changed? What was the overall impact in this story? How did the financial resources that were given through offerings and mission support impact the outcome of the story?
- What did God do? Using God as the subject of an active verb describe how God brought life, health, faith, hope, etc...
- Texture and the flavor of the dish are what makes the food exciting. What is the texture and flavor of your story? Why are you excited to tell it?

A recipe is a way for us to share detailed information in an easy and “digestible” way. Below are a couple of examples on how this looks.

Church Roof in Cameroon

John Smith

6 Volunteers from SD  
14 Villagers from Cameroon  
12 Rafters  
1 Truckload thatching material  
11 hours

Allow members of the South Dakota Synod to coordinate journey and mission. Work hard, meet people, feel intense joy. See God bringing our Cameroonian sisters and brothers to deeper faith in Christ. Return home with a sense of wonder, renewed faith in Jesus Christ and memories for a life time.

Free Medical Clinic, Spearfish SD

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10 Lay volunteers who care  
5 Community minded physicians  
1 Community coming together to help those in need  
1 Congregation willing to share their space  
1 Prayer per patient and family member attending

Each week, uninsured people from throughout the community come to Our Savior's to receive free medical care. Our Savior's served over 100 people last year who otherwise would not have received the medical care they needed. As a part of the care received, prayer is offered for each individual. Watch God heal the sick.