



# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Boy Scouts Build ‘Grace’s Hill Farm’ to Help Feed Hungry Community Garden to Support Operation Hope, Other Local Food Pantries**

**FAIRFIELD, Conn.**, May 20, 2014 – Members of Boy Scout Troop 39 have been hard at work the last several weeks in a field adjacent to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church preparing a community garden for the upcoming growing season.

Grace's Hill Farm, as the garden is known, will grow a variety of vegetables, including peas, beans, carrots and tomatoes. The fresh produce will be given to Operation Hope and other area food pantries.

The scouts have devoted 10 days of work and nearly 225 combined hours to build the garden, including erecting deer-proof fences, framing out the beds and filling them with soil, installing an irrigation system, and cultivating the grounds, a task made more challenging by New England's famous stony soil.

While the scouts built the garden, it will be maintained with the help of children and adults from Ability Beyond, a Connecticut-based organization that helps people with disabilities.

Our Saviour's member David Wisdom, along with 19 of his fellow troop members from Westport, worked on the project to qualify for Eagle Scout honors. They were mentored by Eric Frisk, another member of Our Saviour’s who is chief gardener of Fairfield’s Community Garden at Drew Park, which has been growing vegetables to feed the hungry for the last 19 years.

“Grace’s Hill Farm is an extension of our work at Drew Park, and provides another way for us to grow fresh produce to help feed the hungry of Fairfield County,” said Frisk. “It also provides a valuable learning and service experience for the Boy Scouts and for people with autism spectrum disorders that are helped by Ability Beyond. We are grateful to Our Saviour’s for allowing us to use church property for this important community ministry.”

### **About Our Saviour's**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), reaches out to the world and to its local communities with the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation receives strength for this mission through Worship, Christian Education, Service, Benevolent Giving, Witness, Mutual Support and a commitment to grow in faith and participation. Our Saviour's is guided in the belief that, "As God Gives to Us, So We Give to Others."

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. The church also offers Sunday School and Adult Discussion programs at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at [www.oursaviours.net](http://www.oursaviours.net).

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