

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS FOOD PANTRY REPORT SPRING 2023

## NEWS & ACTIVITIES

This year, throughout the first quarter [January, February, March], the Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry has serviced 1,327 recipients which translates to helping feed nearly 4,000 (3,821) food insecure folks taking into account individuals served—the total of those residing in each recipient's home. What a blessing!

And, as the Easter season was recently celebrated, we wanted to mention that some long-time supporters of the LCC Pantry – Gregg & Betsy Duncan – again donated their specialty gift of numerous bags of jelly beans that we were able to distribute during the two weeks preceding Easter Sunday. Another blessing – and we thank them so much for always remembering the Pantry and its many recipients at this time of year!



In mid-May on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will again hold its Post Office Food Drive – **Stamp Out Hunger** – that they had restarted last year after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. In 2022 our pantry was the beneficiary of nearly 10,000 pounds of non-perishable food items due to the hard work and coordination of the NALC and their local branch at the Arlington Heights Post Office. We so appreciate volunteers from the pantry and surrounding area who help sort and box up the food at our end so that we can put it to good use over the remaining spring and also the summer months as we will do so again this year!

Also, we'd like to mention that while we have enjoyed the past six years as co-directors of the Pantry here at Lutheran Church of the Cross, it's time to turn over the reins to new blood. So...during the next few months, the Pantry will be transitioning to new leadership – Katherine Ehler, the Pastor here at LCC, and her very good friend and colleague that she has worked on many projects with, Micki Fayhee, will become Co-Directors. Please welcome them as they begin a new venture!

To our volunteers – stay safe and healthy and we thank you for your continued help throughout the year! To our supporters – whether you provide monetary donations or drop off donations of food – we appreciate every effort. Please know that the food insecure folks in the area benefit tremendously by your generosity! Thank you, thank you! May God bless you all!

*Sincerely,*

*Debbie Paddack, Julie Malin, Lori Becker, Co-Directors, LCC Food Pantry*



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