

Other
GREAT
Ideas:

- Download the month's most urgently needed item from our website, www.lssco.org and put in your weekly bulletin. Gather items and deliver to the food pantry.
- Hold a food drive once a month. Bless the donated food during your worship service.
- Sell wristbands to raise money for the food pantries. Call 614-228-5200 to order.

Did you know?

Volunteers annually donate 35,000 hours of their time to LSS



SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE

The Lutheran Social Services food pantries rely on food donations from individuals and churches as well as USDA products and inventory from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. These donations include canned goods, boxed cereals, boxed dinners and paper products.

What's missing? Fresh fruit and vegetables!

Idea:

If you're planting a garden this year, plant a row for the hungry! Putting an extra row of vegetables in your garden and donating them to the pantry will bring a welcome addition to many dinner tables. Better yet, plant a Pantry Garden at your church. Your youth group or Sunday School class can plant and tend the garden and then donate the harvest.

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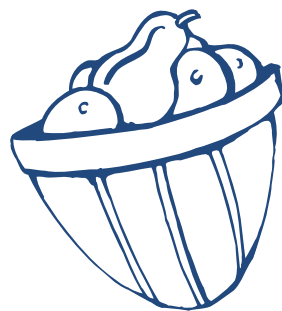
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For more information contact Barb Packer, Director of Food Pantry Services at (614) 443-5130.

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MITTEN TREE

This is a great way to donate your winter accessories! Watch the tree fill with items that will keep people in need warm this winter. Children will love to visit the Christmas tree each week to see how it's filling up!

Idea:

Place a Christmas tree in your narthex and have members bring in hats, mittens and scarves to decorate it. When the tree is filled, bring the items to the food pantry to be distributed to those in need.

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WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION

CAN GET INVOLVED!

This guide will help congregational leaders integrate hunger themes into church materials. The project ideas are bulletin ready and are designed to be reproduced in worship or program materials.

May God bless all who lead, teach, pray, preach and give for the sake of those who are hungry.

Find the pages of this guide, and all the reproducible pieces, online at www.lssco.org/cc.html.

The generous
will themselves
be blessed,



for they share their
food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

BROWN BAG BONANZA!

During the school year, children who qualify for free school lunches have at least one healthy meal each day. But when school is out, children in poverty often have no consistent source of healthy meals.

Here's how you can help. Pack brown paper lunch bags with non-perishable food items and bring them to one of the LSS food pantries. The brown bags will be sent home with children who come to the pantry.

Suggested items to include:

- Juice box
- Pre-packaged cheese & crackers
- Pre-packaged peanut butter & crackers
- Fruit snacks
- Raisins
- Baked chips

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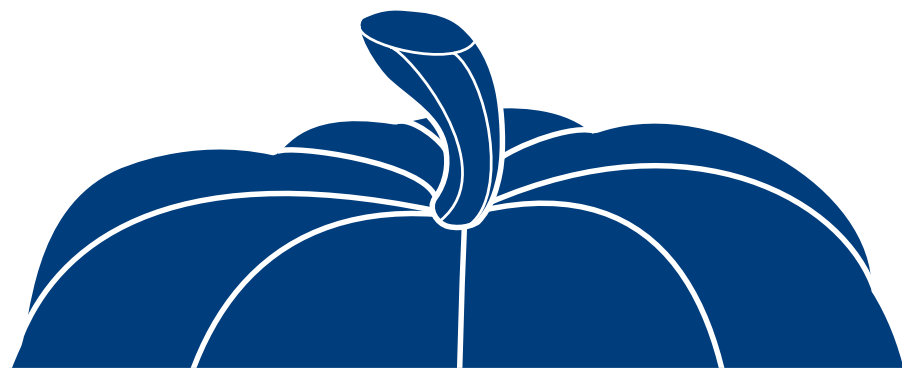


LSS Food Pantries
annually serve:

- More than 130,000 people
- Over 1.2 million meals
- More than \$3 million worth of food

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:15-17



THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

The Lutheran Social Services food pantries rely on food donations from individuals and churches for the holiday season. Lets make this Thanksgiving a day where everyone gets to eat a warm meal.

Suggested items to include:

- Box of stuffing mix
- Box of mashed potatoes
- 1 can of gravy
- 2 cans of canned vegetables
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- \$10 donation to purchase roasting hen

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Did you know?

5,600 Thanksgiving meals are served annually by LSS

John replied,
"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

Luke 3:11

EASTER BASKETS

This is a fun project for a Sunday School group!

Here's how you can help. Decorate a paper lunch bag using crayons, markers and stickers and bring them to one of the LSS food pantries. The decorated bags will be distributed to children during the Easter season.

Suggested items to include:

- healthy snacks
- candy
- stickers and other small items

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Feel free to include a note to let them know that Jesus loves them!

EASTER FOOD BOXES

Fill a box or basket with items needed to prepare Easter dinner.

Suggested items to include:

- Canned sweet potatoes
- Boxed scalloped potatoes
- Canned ham or \$10 donation to purchase a ham
- 2 cans of canned vegetables
- Easter candy

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THANKS A LATTE!

How much do you spend a day for that designer latte at your favorite coffee shop? In most coffee shops, a flavored latte is around \$3.00.

Did you know that \$3.00 can buy 3 pounds of food for our food pantries? That could provide dinner for a family of four.

Idea:

Serve regular coffee in the narthex or fellowship hall on Sunday morning. It only costs pennies a cup. Ask people to donate the cost of their morning latte. Collect the funds and send it to the food pantry.

You'll be purchasing meals for people who couldn't otherwise afford to eat.

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He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4