

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS FOOD PANTRY REPORT SUMMER 2023

2023 ACTIVITIES

During the first half of 2023 – from January through June – the Lutheran Church of the Cross Pantry serviced 2,580 clients which translates to helping feed 7,383 individuals when taking into account family members residing in each client's household. Pantry is averaging about 100 recipients weekly on Tuesday mornings (9:30am-12:30pm) when we are "open for business"!

In mid-May (Saturday, May 13) the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) conducted their food drive **Stamp Out Hunger** – a very major undertaking! Our Pantry again became the beneficiary and received approximately 31,000 pounds of non-perishable food items due to the hard work and coordination of the NALC, their local branch members and the Arlington Heights Post Office. We also 'thank' volunteers from the surrounding area who helped us sort and box up the food at our location so that we could use it over the coming months (as we're still doing now). This wouldn't be possible to accomplish without everyone's assistance – we 'thank' all those involved including residents in the community who made donations on that Saturday that ended up in our hands to pass on to needy folks in the Northwest suburbs!



As mentioned in our Spring News, LCC Pantry, an Agency of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and part of the overall National organization *Feeding America*, transitions to new leadership in August. Pastor Katherine Ehlert and Micki Fayhee will take over as co-directors. While we have enjoyed and valued our time overseeing the Food Pantry, it's time to pass the torch and we know it will be in good hands! Please welcome and support them as the new co-directors at LCC Pantry!

Once again, we want to give a special 'thank you' to our volunteers—we couldn't operate without you—and to all folks who support us—whether you're neighbors or friends or from other churches or organizations—we 'thank you'! You help keep LCC Pantry up and running every week and we are so grateful—God bless all!

Sincerely,

Debbie Paddack, Julie Malin, Lori Becker, Outgoing Co-Directors

Pastor Katherine Ehlert, Micki Fayhee, Incoming Co-Directors

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