

CARING HANDS

A Ministry of First Lutheran Church



A New Old Way!

We have moved the pantry back inside!

Crazy as it is, almost 2 years to the day, we moved the pantry back inside. March, 2020 we shut down the pantry to begin providing "to go" bags to make sure we provided something during the pandemic. In the beginning, we knew the need for food would be great, so we put together over 100 bags weekly. As we learned how a "to go" pantry operated, we knew we needed to go back to client choice which is the heart of our pantry. We created a farmers market style pantry. We did the physical labor each week to transform the parking lot into a farmer's market. BUT it was a significant amount of work every week and we knew physically it was not sustainable. IT WAS TIME TO MOVE back inside. How weird it felt in the beginning but now, it is a well oiled machine. The pantry is open from 8am to 9am and people continue to wait in line first come first served. When you look back at how the pantry functioned before the pandemic to what it looks like today....a great deal has changed and yet it is still the same. We continue to provide food weekly and those we serve are extremely grateful and appreciative!

IN 2022

**WE MOVED THE PANTRY
BACK INSIDE**

**SERVED OVER 3,385
HOUSEHOLDS IN
FULLERTON**

**YOU MADE THE
DIFFERENCE!**



EXCITING NEWS!!

The pantry is adding a few new drivers to the team. Check out Barb in the photo! She is amazing at driving the truck on Tuesdays. She is a pro and filling in for David who will be out to have back surgery. Barb has generously jumped in to fill in the gaps while David is recovering. We have also hired John Franklin to follow in Kurt Werner's footsteps. John is a member of Messiah Lutheran church, who has faithfully supported the pantry for years and said yes to working with us on a part time basis. God continues to provide and we keep on serving!

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Current Food Items Needed

- 1 lb. bag of rice and/or pasta
- 1 lb. bag of pinto beans
- Cereal
- Shelf stable milks (almond/soy)
- Canned chicken/tuna
- Peanut butter (chunky)
- Crackers/cookies
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans
- Canned soups/cup of noodles/ramen



PANTRY COORDINATOR MESSAGE

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We are grateful for you! Thank you for your faithful and generous support to enable the pantry to provide nutritious food in an environment where we can serve our community with love.

YOUR desire to make a difference in the community especially during COVID is a beautiful gift and reflection of God's goodness and faithfulness. We continue to work with excellence to be a generous pantry of food, hospitality and love.

Deanna